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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the September 8, 2006 Office Action, the Applicants provide the following. The Examiner is thanked for granting a telephone interview with the Applicants' representative on October 6, 2006. In accordance with the interview, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Applicants' June 15, 2006 Response in traverse of the references cited against the claims currently pending in the present application. In particular, the Applicants' respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the (lack of) applicability of Saito (U.S. Patent No. 5,848,158) to the claims of the present application. As discussed during the interview, Saito discloses a 'plain text copyright label', which feature is cited for disclosing bundling one or more permissions together with data for delivery to a user. The 'plain text copyright label' of Saito, however, neither constitutes permissions nor is it bundled together with data and sent to a user. To the contrary, the plain text copyright label is a request for permissions initiated by a user and transmitted to a key control center (sometime after the user has already received the data). It is only after this request (i.e., plain text copyright label) is processed by the control center that the one or more permissions

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